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Application No.

10/051,723

Applicant(s)

Isao Noda et al.

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Title

Fibers Comprising Polyhydroxyalkanoate

Copolymer/Polylactic Acid Polymer Or Copolymer Blends

TC/A.U.

Examiner

Patricia A. Short

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

December 8, 2003

Customer No. 27752

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2003, for one month, from November 8, 2003 to December 8, 2003. The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$110 for the extension, plus any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-2480.

A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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